In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A high-voltage power breaker, comprising: an interrupter unit which is enclosed, with a gap, by a gas-tight housing filled with quenching gas, the interrupter unit comprising:

two arcing contacts, at least one of which can be driven during a switching operation and an arc produced between the arcing contacts during disconnection being blown by a blowing device with the quenching gas, which afterwards at least partially flows away in the axial direction of the arcing contacts;

a flow deflection device provided in an outlet-flow area of the quenching gas, in order to deflect the quenching gas flow through more than 90° radially outward;

and a partition wall to separate the quenching gas flow before the deflection from the quenching gas flow after the deflection; wherein

a nozzle body is arranged on the partition wall, and, together with the flow deflection device, forms a nozzle constriction.

- (Amended) The high-voltage power breaker as claimed in claim 1,
 wherein the nozzle body has a convex area, which faces a concave area of the flow deflection device.
 - (Amended) The high-voltage power breaker as claimed in claim 2,
 wherein the flow direction device and the partition wall are cylindrically symmetrical,
 and are arranged coaxially with respect to the arcing contacts.
 - 4. (Amended) The high-voltage power breaker as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a quenching gas cooling device in the form of a body having throughopenings is arranged downstream of the deflection device.

- 5. (Amended) The high-voltage power breaker as claimed in claim 4, wherein the quenching gas cooling device is cylindrically symmetrical.
 - (Amended) The high-voltage power breaker as claimed in claim 5,
 wherein another deflection device for the quenching gas is arranged downstream of the quenching gas cooling device.
 - 7. (Amended) The high-voltage power breaker as claimed in claim 10, wherein the flow deflection device and/or the nozzle body are/is composed of an insulating material, such as PTFE or PVDF (polyvinylidene fluoride).
 - 8. (Amended) The high-voltage power breaker as claimed in claim 1, a further deflection device for the quenching gas is arranged downstream of the quenching gas cooling device.
 - (Amended) The high-voltage power breaker as claimed in claim 1,
 wherein the flow deflection device and/or the nozzle body are/is composed of an
 insulating material, in particular PTFE or PVDF (polyvinylidene fluoride).

In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract in its entirety with the Abstract attached hereto.

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